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Memorandum of Conversation

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SUBJECT:

Secretary's European Trip

PARTICIPANTS:

Ambassador Wilhelm Munthe de Morgenstierne, Embassy of Norway
The Acting Secretary
Mr. H. Raynor, EUR

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Ambassador Morgenstierne called today at his request. He asked if I could give him a general fill-in on the discussions the Secretary has just had in Europe. I told him I would be glad to do so in a general way. I said that while in London he had talked with Mr. Eden and with Mr. Schuman separately and met tripartitely with them. I then talked briefly on the following questions.

Soviet Note. I indicated that the three powers reached agreement, subject to further consultation with the Germans which was taking place this week. In an effort to clarify the Ambassador's impression I emphasized that the United States had not opposed a meeting but that we wanted to have precise terms for such a meeting laid down in advance. The Ambassador inquired about the timing of the delivery of the note and I replied that this was still indefinite. In answer to his inquiry, I said I could not go into the substance of the note at this time.

Korea. I reviewed this discussion very generally and with respect to the bombing of the Yalu power plant took occasion to point out that the impression that there had been a difference of opinion between the State and Defense Departments was erroneous and that there had simply existed a misunderstanding as to which Department was to inform the British. The Ambassador expressed the view that the extreme criticism coming from the left side of the British Labor Party was unfortunate. He said

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He said "even for a Norwegian" this is difficult to understand.

Egypt. As the Ambassador did not appear to understand how the Sudanese question affected the Suez base issue I took occasion to point out the link-up of these two questions in the minds of the Egyptians.

Berlin. The Ambassador expressed the view that the statement the Secretary made on Berlin was a most constructive move at this time.

Vienna. I reviewed the Secretary's visit in Vienna and stressed the success which it had been. The Ambassador also expressed his opinion that the visit to Vienna was a constructive move.

Tunisia. After I had reviewed this question briefly the Ambassador expressed a strong opinion that UN discussion of this type of problem at this stage would have unfortunate rather than constructive results. He added that his government was opposed to a Special Session of the General Assembly.

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